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**70-YEAR OLD HENDERSON MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS
AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO 14 COUNTS
OF VIOLATING FEDERAL CHILD EXPLOITATION LAWS**

– Defendant's house forfeited

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **ROBERT QUINN**, age 70, of 1667 Marshall, Henderson, Kentucky, was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment, plus 7 years supervised release following release from prison, for 14 charges of violating federal child pornography laws. In addition, a special penalty assessment of \$1400.00 was also imposed. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

In addition, at the request of the United States, United States District Court Judge Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., granted a preliminary order of forfeiture of Quinn's interest in his home because he used it during the commission of the child pornography offenses.

Law enforcement officials became aware of **Quinn's** computer activity while conducting an undercover investigation regarding child exploitation offenses. In 2004, a detective with the San Antonio Police Department, San Antonio, Texas, initiated a child exploitation investigation in which he posed as a 14-year-old girl in Internet chat rooms. Certain investigative details from the

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investigation were forwarded to the ICE, Bowling Green, Kentucky, office by the detective due to the fact that the investigation revealed a subject living in Henderson, Kentucky, who had been transmitting child pornography to the undercover agent.

During a prior guilty plea hearing, **Quinn** admitted that he had used a computer in his home to engage in on-line communications a/k/a "chats" with a person he believed to be a 14-year-old girl. During the course of those chats, which occurred on 13 separate occasions, **Quinn** sent files that included still images and videos of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. He reaffirmed an earlier admission that he had engaged in these chats with 10-12 people he believed to be children. **Quinn** also admitted that he had possessed numerous files depicting children engaged in sexually explicit conduct at the time that federal agents conducted a search warrant on his home and seized computers and computer-related items on April 22, 2005. During the course of the various chats, **Quinn** discussed meeting the 14-year-old in person in order to engage in sexual activity. He engaged in the discussions while transmitting images of child pornography. **Quinn** admitted further that he is "addicted" to child pornography.

Additional Facts

In November of 2004, the detective, in an undercover capacity, accessed Yahoo.com, a combination Internet Search Engine and User Chat Service, in order to investigate individuals involved in the transmission and/or receipt of child pornography. At approximately 3:54 p.m., the detective was contacted by the sign-on "bigbadky23." "Bigbadky23" communicated the message, "hi angel, I am an older guy, want to chat." "Bigbadky23" then identified himself as being 69 years old. The detective replied and identified himself as being a 14-year-old female from Texas. During this first chat, "bigbadky23" sent the detective 7 videos and 2 photographs containing

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depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct *via* Yahoo. “Bigbadky23” further indicated during the chat that he had taken some of the pictures. The detective inquired as to which ones and “bigbadky23” replied “all of them with a cock in it.” These pictures included three young girls standing in a doorway and the same young girls engaged in sexual acts with a male. “Bigbadky23” indicated that the photos showed “just some girls that live close to me.”

During the period including December 2, 3, 6, 10, and 15, 2004, “bigbadky23,” believing that he was chatting with a 14-year-old female utilizing the sign-on “angel_babysa,” sent approximately 49 photographs and 11 videos that contained images of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. In addition, “bigbadky23” sent two photographs of himself, one fully clothed and one completely naked holding his erect penis.

On January 3, 2005, “bigbadky23” contacted the detective *via* an on-line communication. During a chat session, he sent approximately 6 photographs and 1 video depicting minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. On January 19, 2005, someone using the screen name “ratts70” contacted the detective. The person identified himself as “bigbadky23.” The message indicated that his last sign-on had been “hacked” and that he had to create a new one. “Ratts70” advised the detective not to open any message that “she” may receive from “bigbadky23.” On this date, “ratts70” sent 14 videos and 4 photographs. The materials contained images of sexually explicit material, some of which involved adults only and some of which involved minors. On January 20, February 2, March 8, and April 1, “ratts70” sent the detective a number of videos and still images containing depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

On December 09, 2004, law enforcement obtained a Grand Jury Subpoena for the sign-on “bigbadky23.” Law enforcement officials learned that Mr. Robert **Quinn** in Zip Code 42406 had

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registered the sign-on. They used additional tracking tools to identify **Quinn** of 1667 Marshall St., Henderson, KY 42420 as the person using the screen name and computer tied to the on-line communications. The same investigative tools tied **Quinn** to the screen name "ratts70."

Pursuant to a search warrant, police seized two desk top computers, computer accessories, one digital camera, web camera, storage media (including several hundred floppy disks, CDRs, etc.), and other related items from the house. Computer forensic analysts with ICE conducted a preliminary examination of the computers and storage media. The examination revealed numerous images depicting persons under 18 years of age engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

A sampling of the files Quinn sent to the undercover officer includes the following:

(1) 4yoanal.jpg - is a still image which shows a very young child (clearly under the age of 6) being anally penetrated by an adult penis;

(2) Pedo++10yo+willing+daughter+pthc_NEW.zip - is a video file with a playing time of 1:14 minutes. The video begins with a female child (clearly under the age of 12) playing - while fully clothed - on a bed. The camera cuts to footage of the same child wearing only a t-shirt with cartoon characters on it. The view zooms to her legs spread apart to show her genital area. The video moves on to show the child being vaginally penetrated by an adult male penis and also shows the man ejaculate on her body;

(3) cbaby_mouthfull.mpg - is a video file with a playing time of :22 seconds. The video begins with a view of a naked adult male masturbating his erect penis. A young female child (pre-school age) enters the room. She looks into the camera and the male pulls her head away from it and forces her head to his penis. He holds her head in place while she performs oral sex on him. He ejaculates and she gags and spits the ejaculate; and

(4) hell.wmv - is a video file with a playing time of 2:04 minutes. The video shows a prepubescent female child (no breast development and no pubic hair) blindfolded and tied to some sort of bench. An adult male wearing only a white t-shirt enters the screen. His penis is visible below the line of the t-shirt. He adjusts the child's blindfold and begins pinching her nipple areas. He slaps and places his fingers in her pubic area. He then walks to the head of the bench, straddles her face, and places his penis in her mouth. The child is then shown suspended by her arms from what appears to be rafters. The man pinches her breasts, digitally penetrates her vagina, and masturbates himself.

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Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless prosecuted the case. The Department of Homeland Security Immigration & Customs Enforcement with assistance from the San Antonio Police Department and Henderson Police Department conducted the investigation.

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